across the borders, deployment of central security forces in areas prone to terrorist's violence, continuous vigilance and strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, sharing of intelligence, strengthening of State Police force and upgradation of their capabilities to deal with terrorist activities through the schemes of Police Modernisation and raising of India Reserve Battalions, etc. Efforts are also being made to strengthen bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation at the international level with the aim of combating terrorism though arrangements for Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition Treaties, exchange of information and intelligenc, etc.

Delhi Police has also taken various steps to contain terrorist activities which include sharing of intelligence information with central agencies; regular checking of hotels/guest houses/taxi stands/cinema halls, new tenants is various areas, trucks in various locations of Delhi, hideouts, sympathizers of terrorists, etc.

Inclusion of languages in 8th Schedule

1701. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian languages included in the 8th Schedule of Indian Constitution;

(b) the number of Indian languages proposed to be included in the 8th Schedule;

(c) whether Government proposes to include Bhutia and Lepcha languages in the Schedule, if so, the details thereof.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by Government to include the said languages in the above Schedule of the Indian Constitution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Eighth Schedule to the Constitution consists of 22 languages viz. (1) Assamese, (2) Bengali, (3) Bodo, (4) Dogri, (5) Gujarati, (6) Hindi, (7) Kannada, (8) Kashmiri, (9) Konkani, (10) Maithili, (11) Malayalam, (12) Manipur, (13) Marathi, (14) Nepali, (15) Oriya, (16) Punjabi, (17) Sanskrit, (18) Santhali, (19) Sindhi, (20) Tamil, (21) Telugu, (22) Urdu.

(b) to (e) A Committee was set up under Shri Sitakant Mohapatra to evolve a set of objective criteria for inclusion of more languages in the Eighth Schedule. The Committee has submitted its report and made certain recommendations. The demands for inclusion of more languages including Bhutia and Lepcha in the Eighth Schedule will be considered, *inter-alia,* in the light of the recommendations of the Committee and Government decision thereon.

Rise in infiltration in J and K

1702. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has claimed a declining trend in the level of violence in J and K since 2001, but admitted that there has been a rise in infiltration in the valley after April, 2007, onwards and especially more after declaring of emergency in Pakistan;

(b) whether a status paper of internal security prepared by the Home Ministry claimed terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and targeting vital installations and recruit and train local modules and attack soft targets; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check the increased infiltration in J and K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) According to available information, the trend of terrorist related incidents in the State of Jammu and Kashmir is as under:

Years	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007 (till Nov. 26)
No. of terrorist related incidents	4536	4038	3401	2565	1990	1667	1033

In 2007 (till Oct.) 499 estimated infiltrations took place as compared to 515 during the corresponding period of last year.

(b) Yes, Sir. As mentioned in this Ministry's Status Paper on Internal Security Situation (As on June 30, 2007).

(c) The Government in tandem with the State Government, have adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multimodal deployment along International Border/Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergizing intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government (including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir) and in the Central Government.

Negotiations with Hurriyat on Kashmir issue

†1703. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and "Hurriyat" (All Party Hurriyat Conference) are negotiating the Kashmir issue since last several years;

(b) if so, since when these negotiations were initiated;

(c) the details of proposal submitted by "Hurriyat" initially during negotiations; and

(d) the latest proposal being submitted by this organization and Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.